Mass Rapid Transport System

4159. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities in the country for which implementation of a Mass Rapid Transportation System has been sanctioned;

(b) the details of the current status of project implementation, city-wise; and

(c) the time-frame for completion of MRTS projects, city-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Phase-I of a rail based Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) has been approved for the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The project is being implemented by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). The Progress achieved till March 2005 is 84% of the completion targets.

The project is targeted to be completed by March 2006.

Demolition of slums in Mumbai

4160. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no alternative land and accommodation scheme has been provided to many victims of demolition drive during year 2005 in Mumbai's slum as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the area of slum cleared and the criteria followed in demolitation of the slum;

(c) whether land is utilised for low income housing in Mumbai as per the Urban Land Ceiling Act; and

(d) if so, the details of such land utilised/to be utilised during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Government of Maharashtra has informed that as per State Government's policy, protection is given only to slum dwellers residing prior to 1.1.1995 on Government, semi-Government land and declared slums on private land. Slums that have come up after 1.1.1995 on